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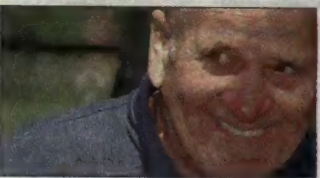
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Minden Rotary President Bill Obee, encouraging people to join the club.

Should schools get security cameras?

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

Security cameras may be appearing in elementary schools if Trillium Lakelands District School Board's application to the Ministry of Education for funding is successful.

Jim Bradley, superintendent of business, says \$4,000 per school is available for such things as a video surveillance system for the front door or a window in the main office to allow a clear view of the main door.

The application deadline is

March 4. Bradley says 11 schools in the board meet the criteria.

A motion, moved by Haliburton County's trustee Valerie Smith, was passed to pursue the grant with the proviso parent councils be consulted before the grant is used.

She says that from her past experience as a school secretary any device to assist the front staff watch the entrance is a boon. Some parents have also asked to have all the doors but the front door locked so she argued par-

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Darren Lum/TIMES

Fun times snowball in Dorset

There's nothing like falling snow to get revellers in the mood for Dorset Snowball, the much anticipated winter carnival that attracts thousands of people to the northern village. There were wagon rides, a colourful parade, games and lots of good food.

Happy 100th anniversary, Rotary

Minden members play proud role in club's history

by JEANNE ANTHON
Special to The Times

One of the biggest birthday parties in the world was held this week. In more than 165 countries, bells were ringing and men and women of all community stripes

and colours were celebrating the 100th birthday of Rotary Clubs International.

The Minden Rotary Club, which received its charter in 1947, marked the occasion at the Delta Pinestone Resort along with partners, past-Rotarians, special dignitaries and members of the Haliburton Rotary Club. Minden Rotarians join the international organization of 1.2 million business and professional leaders to commemorate

achievements of historic proportions: more than two billion children immunized against polio using more than one million Rotarian volunteers in Rotary's goal to eradicate this disease worldwide; and \$69 million worth of grants in 61 countries to fund projects for health, hunger and humanity since 1978.

Where did it begin? A lawyer from a small town, Paul Harris, felt alone in the big city of Chicago. He found three col-

leagues who felt the same way, and they met in each other's offices. This rotation of meeting places sparked the name Rotary.

There are now more than 31,000 clubs distributing more than \$1.1 billion (US) in humanitarian grants.

Ed Pergolas, a retired caterer who lives in Minden, has been a member since 1972. "I like being a Rotarian. It's a fulfillment of life - the people you

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Legion helps buy new medical equipment

Kinmount's Royal Canadian Legion and Ladies Auxiliary Charitable Foundation and Bursary presented \$7,500 to the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation to maintain its community service at the Kinmount District Health Centre, including the upgrading of equipment. Money raised through the Legion's poppy donations contributes to these kinds of charitable donations. President Joe McNamara presents the cheque to the two doctors at the Kinmount medical centre, Elena Mihi and Zsuzsanna Kaszas.

Firemen rescue man from upside down truck

The Minden Fire Department had a difficult time rescuing a young man who became trapped in his truck after it flipped on its roof last Saturday afternoon.

"It was a challenge," says Fire Chief Doug Schell.

Matt Houghstol was driving his 2001 Dodge pickup towards Minden near Caribou Road on County Road 21

on February 19 when he lost control. The truck ended up on its roof in the north ditch after it struck a utility pole.

The firemen had to use several different pieces of extrication equipment to remove the Haliburton man. Paramedics transported him to the Minden hospital where he was treated for minor injuries.

Trustees debate whether cameras actually enhance students' security

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ents will be in favour of a security device.

At a teleconference District School Council meeting on Wednesday night, Smith reaffirmed her view, telling the various parent council representatives that she didn't think the move would "project a negative image". (She added that schools such as ASES, SBES, and Wilberforce would more than likely not qualify for funding due to the fact that they already have a reasonable view of the front hall).

Trustee Elaine Beatty says it is the public cry for more security that prompted the creation of the grant.

Trustee Rick Johnson says Trillium Lakelands has safe schools; he believes the grant was created for older metro schools where the office is a significant distance from the main door. He is aware of schools that have problems managing recesses and meeting emergency standards because of locked door policies.

Bradley says the board has no policies on video surveillance or locked doors.

Trustee Doris Monahan remembers a time when the former Muskoka board faced intense opposition to a proposal to put cameras in a school hall in an attempt to stop theft from change rooms.

Superintendent Paul Doiron says there is a mixed debate among school administrators about the issue of surveillance. Doiron says adding cameras does not equal adding security because you cannot ensure someone is always watching monitors and it creates a liability issue should something occur. He says some administrators believe cameras add a false sense of security.

Director David Hill says installing security devices for 11 schools is adopting a belief that "we need surveillance." He questioned the message that it would send to students and families.

"So what about the 30 schools not eligible? If we buy into the philosophy of surveillance, we're making a future commitment to the other schools," says Hill.

The trustees suggested a letter accompany the grant application lobbying the government for funding to cover all elementary schools. A motion including this amendment was passed.

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As part of the anniversary celebrations at the Delta Pinestone on Wednesday night, the Minden Rotary Club inducted two new members, Joanne Penfold and Jim Wilson, at left. Welcoming them into the fold are President Bill Obee and Rotarians Kathleen Lang, Mickey Kalm, Jeanne Anthon, Bill Roszell, Ed Pergolas, Bob Hurtle, Ross Rigney and Bob Walli.

Daren Lum/TIMES



Minden Rotary gives back to its community

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meet, the people you help. PolioPlus has been one of my favourite involvements. It encompasses the whole world and fulfils the three Hs of Rotary: Health, Hunger and Humanity. We were the only club in the district to receive a banner indicating our 3H contributions – that happened the year I was President, 1978.”

Current president Bill Obee, a civil engineer, extols the virtues of the Rotary Foundation. “It does so much good work throughout the world. What better example than our fight to eradicate polio, which hopefully will be successfully concluded in a couple of years.”

The principal revenue from donations is invested and 100 per cent of the interest is used for humanitarian projects. “Sixty per cent comes back to the District to be used for programs chosen locally,” Obee adds. “It is easy to support the Rotary Foundation when one realizes the power of ‘pooling our funds’ in this manner worldwide. It’s Rotarian to Rotarian and all the dollars reach the needy, thanks to our volunteers and participating clubs.”

Minden Rotary is especially proud of the community projects worth more than \$2 million that it has funded during its 58 years. More than \$250,000 was generated for the local hospital building project alone. The club also funded the establishment and equipping of Rotary Park on Hwy 35; given \$250,000 for the original construction of the Minden arena, its addition and equipment; and paid for tennis courts, planting trees along the Gull River, financing the physician recruitment sign on Hwy 35, annual bursaries and scholarships to local students. Regionally, members have been strong financial supporters of Five Counties Children’s Centre which serves Haliburton County children with special needs, shared the cost of 911-emergency labels, helped to provide mental health education, sent children in need to local camps and sponsored a Terry Fox dinner featuring Terry Fox’s brother Daryl.

Kathleen Lang, co-owner and operator of Kinmount Timbermart, was new to Haliburton County and wanted to get involved with a service club as a way to meet people and contribute to the community. She liked the intimate size of the club, the personalities of the members, and the Rotary approach.

“Belonging to Rotary is a nice way to be productive in the community,” says Lang. “The international aspects of Rotary are a huge bonus.”

Busy organizing the chili cook-off as part of Minden’s Family Fun Night Feb. 26, she’s approaching other service clubs, dignitaries and amateur cooks to submit pots of chili for the competition.

Every year, Minden Rotary investigates opportunities to partner with a club in another country. The District Rotary Organization matches funds raised locally with funds raised by the foreign club to eventually triple or quadruple the original investment. Minden has partnered with a British club to build toilets and safe drinking water wells for a school in South Africa, and with an Indian club to provide intra-ocular lens implants for more than 300 people. These projects give a Rotary presence in distant lands to help build goodwill and peace in the world and “while we can’t necessarily be there, our few dollars make meaningful change to thousands of people around the world,” says Obee.

Youth and literacy are strategic goals for the local club. It annually finances a week-long program of leadership training seminars called Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. Young people aged 14-30 recommended by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School are chosen to participate in workshops that focus on leadership and professional development. William Rea of Minden was the recent choice and spoke to the club on how the sessions positively influenced his life choices. Minden Rotary gives out free books to children during its annual Carnival with the goal to put books in every home. It is also participating in matching grants with

the Honda Books for Kids program. Honda Books for Kids matches the club donation with an equal number of book dollars to be used to purchase new books for a school of choice – in this case Archie Stouffer Elementary School. The club successfully applied for a District Simplified Grant raising the value of the project to \$3,000.

Bingos used to bring in huge cash revenues for the local club but no longer. Since the introduction of casinos, Minden Rotary’s major fundraiser is a giant dinner-auction held each June. Through the generosity of local retailers and businesses, hundreds of large and small items generate more than \$10,000. This pooling of community dollars provides much-needed injection to local projects – last year a major donation to the addition of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and this year to help erect a tourist attraction of sculpture near the bridge in downtown Minden.

The Centennial project the placing of a gazebo in the Village Green in downtown Minden. Typically, the small club successfully draws on other community volunteers to lend the necessary expertise and skills, from electrical wiring thanks to Warren Payne to Barry Cray laying paving stones. It was a fun hands-on project for club members who eagerly grabbed everything from shovels to paintbrushes to see this project completed in time for the Centennial 2005 target.

OPP Staff Sgt Bob Walli credits his experience as a member of a Rotary Group Study Exchange Team for getting involved with the local club. The Exchange Team provides thousands of young professionals with the opportunity to travel abroad and share vocational information with others in another country. To date, more than 40,000 have travelled to 100-plus countries. Walli notes, “When I went to South Africa a few years ago, I saw firsthand the effect of Rotary work in foreign countries. I found out that Rotary dollars transfer from the donor Rotary Club to the receiver Rotary Club and no funds go to administration.

Rotary volunteers ensure that every penny is used to directly affect the needy, whatever the project.

“I was further inspired when I learned that Rotary Clubs do great work not only in their own communities but also globally.”

Most popular are the student exchange programs that send young people around the globe to live with host families to learn the language and absorb new cultures.

Minden Rotary corresponds with many past students who send photos of their weddings and children, still enthusiastic about the values of the experience. One Australian student was also accepted in the Rotary Centre for International Studies. Accepting only 70 scholars each year, they enter the two-year master’s-level degree program in peace studies and international relations at one of eight prestigious universities worldwide. She writes of how her exchange with Minden was a life-altering experience.

Obee was a member of the District Student Exchange Program Committee for 10 years and chair for three. He has hosted several students and his daughter met her husband-to-be on an exchange to Denmark. “I have really enjoyed watching the young people involved in exchange just blossom, and grow tolerant of different cultures especially. They come to realize that their way is not the only way and that removing physical boundaries develops a new understanding of other people. That leads to peace – what a great experience.”

President Obee says, “It’s easy to become a member. We’d love anyone to share in our work. But it’s not all work. Our meetings are productive and fun. We have interesting guest speakers and often share meetings with our spouses and friends. It’s a great way to meet people and contribute to community values at the same time. Call me at 489-3333 for information.”

Rotary’s motto states: “Service Above Self.” A century of civic service is proof that Rotary volunteers do make a difference. For more information about Rotary, go to www.rotary.org

A fond farewell to Dick Thompson

When Dick said thanks, he always did so with a painting

by PAULINE JOHNSON
Stanhope Life

Residents of Halls Lake read with dismay about the death of Dick Thompson on February 10 in Haliburton.

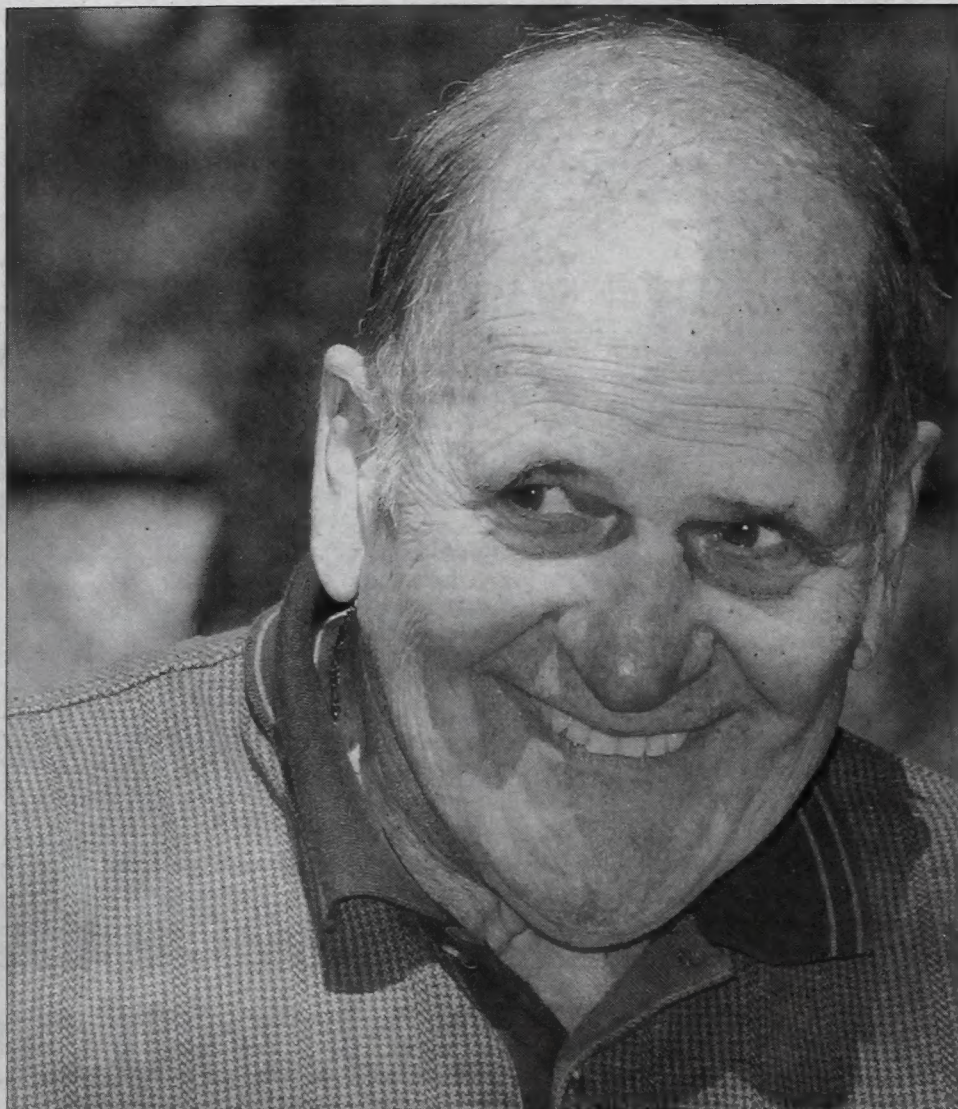
He and his wife, Sylvia, made a grand entrance into the Halls Lake neighbourhood when they first retired by hosting a party for many of the locals. A lot of us were familiar with their new home on the island perched atop a tall, steep hill with a great view across the lake and up the Kennisis River.

Barry Lord, the builder, had often allowed the men to come over and help him out when he was building it. I remember vacuuming the new carpet. In this community, as in others, people help out when they can. We enjoyed working together.

The late Bob Baker (affectionately called Bake) and Mary Stiver were the best of local helpers, looking after people's houses when they were away, collecting their mail and getting people out of ditches when cars and trailers were "uncooperative."

How do you say thank you? For Dick Thompson, it was with a painting. Mary gave me a tour of her home last Friday, showing me paintings that Dick had done for her and Bake. Dick usually painted things of sentimental value for his neighbours and friends. On a piece of birch bark nailed to a piece of plywood was a painting of Mary's store, closed long ago, but a part of the history of the area for those who passed on the way to Big Hawk Lake, Little Hawk Lake or the local dump.

On a more whimsical note, Dick had also done a rendering of her outhouse,



Dick Thompson thrilled his neighbours with beautiful paintings.

also a feature of the past. In her TV room was a larger portrait of Bake, done from a photo that Mary had slipped into the frame to show what a good likeness Dick

had portrayed.

One of the best paintings, according to Mary, was one of Bake out ice fishing. Dick had captured the moment when

Bake was hauling in a fish and it was halfway out of the hole. Dick and Sylvia had spent many hours ice fishing on Halls Lake with Mary and Bake and it was Dick's way to leave a tangible reminder of the camaraderie and caring they shared. Unfortunately, Mary could only tell me about that painting. When Bake died she had generously given it to his sister who had long admired it.

Dick also did a painting of Joe Johnson's cottage which had always been in the family and of which he was very proud. Joe had helped Dick build a long winding stairway from Dick and Sylvia's home, down the steep rock-face to the lake at the bottom. It was quite distinctive and drew people's eyes as they crossed the lake on boats or snowmobiles.

We will never forget the show of Dick's paintings one year at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Having seen small paintings in people's homes did not prepare us for the variety and splendour of the artwork displayed there. Lots of happy faces on his subjects attested to the joy that Dick found in the world and that he reflected in his paintings. I will never forget the portrait of one majestic black lady.

On Dick and Sylvia's daily walk, Dick delighted in handing candy to people he met, saying, "Keep your energy up." Mary also remembers Dick and Sylvia's thoughtfulness in singing and reading for the residents of Hyland Crest.

Although Dick and Sylvia eventually moved to Haliburton, Mary says, "Every time I see those steps, I think it could never be anyone else's place."

Mary speaks for all of us who fondly remember Dick. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Sylvia.



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Local camps worry that there will be room for them under Frost reservation system

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

Local camps say a reservation system for campsites in the Frost Centre area will dramatically reduce usage and they want to know who will get first dibs.

The Haliburton Highlands Water Trails committee, a committee of Algonquin Highlands council, held a public meeting for camp owners last Saturday. There were representatives from only four of the 35 camps in the county.

Water Trails co-ordinator Mark Coleman says he also sent information to an extensive list of users including 30 operations outside of the county that have been seen using the canoe routes. These include schools, adults and youths in outdoor education programs, and campers.

Tom Gardner, Algonquin Highlands deputy reeve, says someone has to pay the tab for maintaining the campsites. That tab, he says, will have to be paid by users now that the Ministry of Natural Resources will no longer fund Water Trails. The camp representatives say fees are not unexpected.

The question is how much will it cost?

Ellen Nash of Camp Northland says a group rate of \$60 per night would mean an estimated cost of \$300 per week for her camp based on current usage. She asked if the committee would consider reducing rates for non-profit organizations.

Coleman says the committee based a draft fee structure on the provincial park system. He said it's possible that a reduced rate could be established for pre-approved groups. He asked for a representative from the camps to sit on the committee to help them tailor how the Water Trails system will work.

Nash says a reservation system will ensure her trippers

will be able to get farther into the area than the first available site. She and the other camps representatives say that their trippers have been stuck at one campsite, unable to paddle on through the canoe routes because of overcrowding.

The downside of reservations for a representative from Kawabi is that he will no longer have the flexibility of saying, "There's a storm today, we'll go tomorrow."

Other camp reps suggested that intense competition for the few sites large enough to hold their canoe groups could affect their operations.

They suggested that the minimum number in a group be nine. The maximum site size in the system is 16 campers. The camp reps asked if they would be able to reserve the large sites ahead of the general public and if local camps would have priority over groups from the rest of the province.

Bill Hutson, the local MNR office supervisor, warned the camps that since the area is Crown land, Ontarians feel they should have an equal opportunity to use it. Coleman agreed there will be competition but Water Trails was established to stop groups of 20 to 30 campers using one site.

He says that large groups strip the shoreline of vegetation, which causes soil erosion and pollutes the water.

Hutson says the rationale behind the creation of a reservation system is not to accommodate the current users but to reduce the numbers.

"This system is based on environmental protection not users. The intent is to change the way the system is used," says Hutson.

The next public meeting for Water Trails will be for commercial operators on March 5 at 1 p.m. at Club 35 in Halls Lake.

Water Trails wants Frost Centre cabin to use as office

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

The new headquarters of the Frost Centre campsite reservation system may be located near the existing boat launch on Highway 35.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison approached the Frost Centre Working Committee with the idea of creating a five-year lease for Haliburton Highlands Water Trails to use the summer kitchen and ranger cabin near the boat launch.

Harrison says that since there would need to be renovations to the two buildings to make them usable, and they would have to move equipment such as a computer into the space, they were looking for more than a temporary arrangement.

Margaret Casey, Frost committee member, said that because there are no encumbrances on the 40 acres of property, perhaps they should consider a month-to-month lease that could be taken over by whoever buys or takes on the Frost.

Later, at a Water Trails public meeting, Casey said she could not conceive of a successful water trails system without access through the Frost boat launch on Lake St. Nora.

She says it is the most logical place for the Water Trails' headquarters and for people seeking information about the canoe routes and camping.

The committee and the Ontario Realty Corporation, which is handling the file for the former Frost Centre, are investigating the issue.

Harrison says that they are hoping to have a home for the Water Trails staff in addition to space at the Algonquin Highlands office in Stanhope, for this summer.

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Cameras in schools have an Orwellian edge

Some members of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board are afraid of creating an atmosphere depicted so chillingly in George Orwell's 1984 by installing security cameras in elementary schools. I can understand why. During a month-long Rotary International exchange to Siberia last spring, we were always watched.

It was for our own protection, we were told by our Rotarian hosts. Our kind keepers were legitimately worried my five-member team of Canadians did not speak enough Russian to keep out of trouble.

But it was not only Rotarians watching. Security is omnipresent in Siberia. There are cameras and guards everywhere, including tiny shops small enough to fit twice over in the Times reception area. In Irkutsk, our first city, we were taken to a swanky shopping centre. I counted more security personnel than shoppers. We were given "free time" so I snapped up the unsupervised opportunity and left the centre to explore. I discovered an hour later, when my frantic host caught up to me in a square across the street, that a guard had rattled me out to her when I left the building.

My team travelled to two more cities, Ulan-Ude and Chita, and to a couple of rural villages. Whenever we left a city we had to go through a check point. Our driver's documents were checked, the vehicle searched, and armed guards questioned our hosts. An unnerving experience.

There is a logical explanation for these examples. My host in Irkutsk was afraid I would get lost. Crime is very high.

We met with a few men from the former KGB, who now work with an anti-terrorism department. The week before, a bomb intended for western Russia had been smuggled across the border a few hours away and discovered at the Chita city checkpoint. Another crime example is also from Chita. There are no parking garages for apartment buildings, so people build, out of scrap metal and wood, garages big enough to shoe-horn vehicles into. One morning, we learned, thieves stole a new car by loading it on the back of a truck – still in the garage.

There are good reasons for the security cameras in Siberia but the sense of Big Brother watching was creepy. Despite the end of communism a decade ago, people still live behind high fences, locked doors and are watched. We were told that, despite looking like white Russians, we were easily pegged as foreigners because we were smiling in public and unabashedly met people's eyes on the street. How sad is that?

There are good reasons for installing security devices to protect students from intruders and for making use of rarely offered provincial funds as some trustees argued.

Yet, Director David Hill is wise to caution against creating a false sense of security in schools by installing cameras. They certainly aren't reducing crime in Siberia.

This editorial is not meant to suggest cameras in elementary schools will create a society of fear such as the one Russia is still struggling with or Orwell predicted in 1949. However, a society that assumes anyone walking through a school's doors is a threat is already well on the way. A school is the very heart of community, particularly in Haliburton's villages, and the public should not be locked out but welcomed in.

Sheryl Loucks

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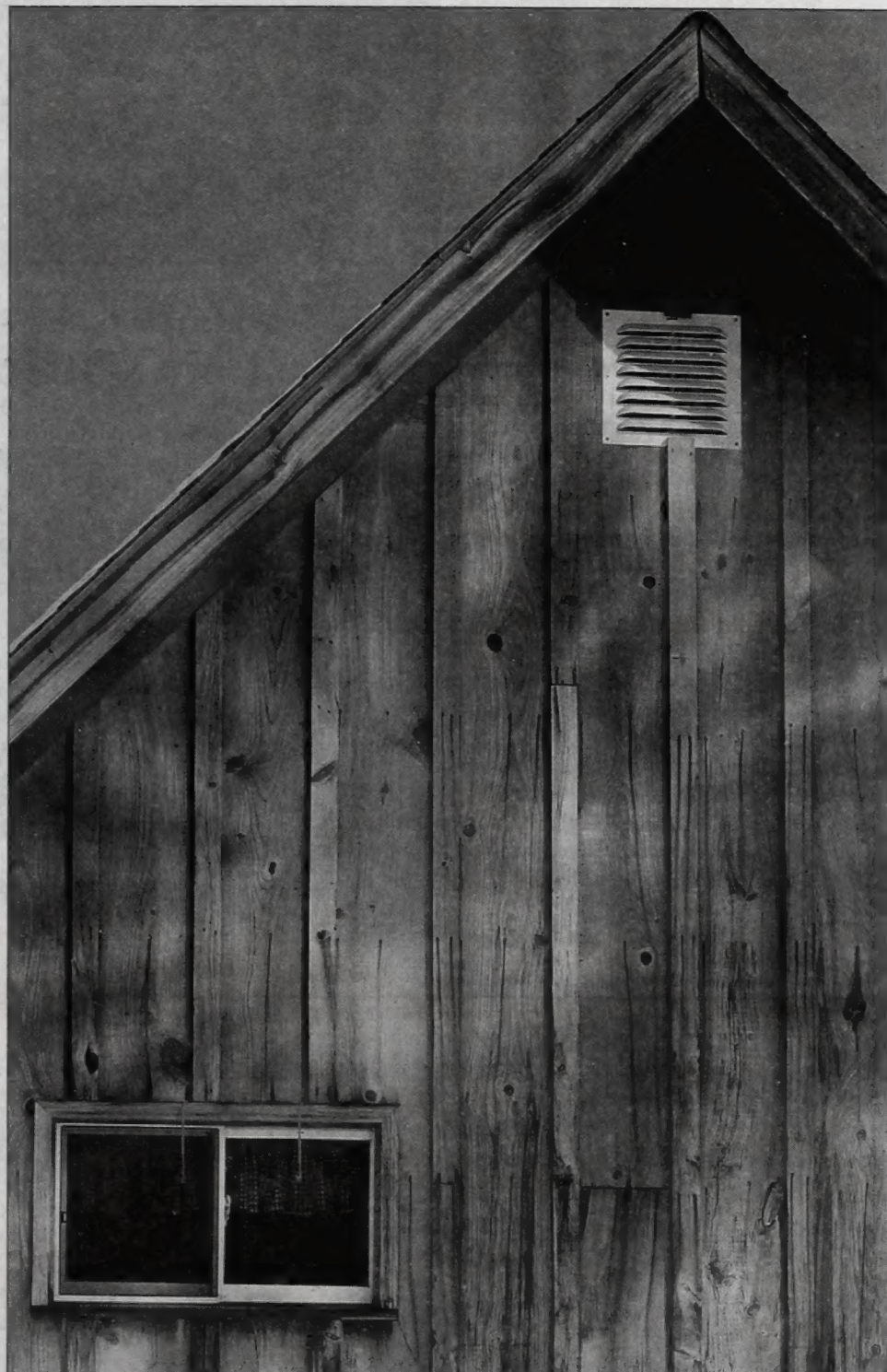
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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Lagoon should not be near lake

To the Editor:

The following letter was first sent to Algonquin Highlands council and the waste unit of the Ministry of Environment.

I have been following the septage problem for several years now and attended one of the meetings last summer. I feel very strongly that a lagoon in Lake Kushog's watershed would be unacceptable and not a very responsible way of handling the septage waste. I was hoping that a more modern way of handling the sewage would be chosen; however, I understand that at this time it is probably just too expensive to build a treatment plant in the near future. I do hope that whatever choice is made that there will be serious consideration for a long-term joint

effort involving a modern treatment plant to handle the waste.

I have seen the matrix sheet giving rankings on the present considerations for choices and locations and feel the best choice would be a "Waterloo Biofilter" located at the Maple Lake landfill.

I would hope that whatever the choice, a completely accountable system be used to monitor the lake nearest for not only phosphates, but for the heavy metals and toxins we know are in septage and that provisions are made to shut the system down if problems arise.

Gord and Pat Jones
Stoney Creek

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Ageing gracefully

Okay, I'm going to admit it. I'm finally getting old. I'm not ancient by any means, just old enough to look at a 19-year-old in a bikini and realize that she probably hangs out with my daughter.

I first noticed that age was sneaking up on me last week when I went for a haircut and the barber spent more time trimming the hair growing out of my ears than the few on my head. From that point on, I've had to take several naps a day and drown my sorrows in warm milk. The sad part is, with my bladder the milk is only rented.

You know a lot of people my age might overreact about the whole process but I think I've come to terms with it. I'm taking it well. There's a certain grace and dignity that comes with sporting white chest hairs -- unless, of course, you happen to be a woman. Even then, at least this entitles you to plenty of respect in the circus.

Growing old is not such a bad thing really. Car insurance rates are lower, you're allowed to wear red suspenders with just about anything including underwear, Velcro is an acceptable fashion accessory, and people don't mind when you ask them to speak up. They understand that it's probably got a lot to do with all that hair growing out of your ears.

When ice fishing, it's easier to get the young fellows to drill the holes since they'd rather do that than perform CPR. This might also have something to do with their aversion to a warm milk moustache.

I believe there are several other perks to getting old: I just can't seem to remember them right now. I do recall, though, that soon enough I'll be able to

make up great stories about the hardships I faced when I was a kid and had to walk 68 miles to school and three more each

time I needed to use the pencil sharpener. And why not? It took me eight years of hard labour to earn the money to buy the pencil and then all of us kids had to share it. When we weren't working as pick handles in the Uranium mine, that is.

It'll be nice to tell my grand kids about what it was like before the turn of the century or regale them with tales of the first home computers. I might even be able to show them some magic tricks like adding

numbers without the help of a calculator or walking short distances. They'll be astounded.

Most of all, I'm looking forward to



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

getting even sexier -- if that's imaginable. Why not? It worked for Sean Connery and Patrick Stewart. Yes, women will fawn all over me whenever I park my walker along the ski slope. I'll smile in that debonair way of mine as I adjust my upper plate, make small talk about the miracle of adult diapers, and hand out Werther's candy like it's going out of style. I might even run for a mile or so, but only because I accidentally took a wrong step downhill. When they finally catch up to me, they'll think it's cute that I'm making angels in the snow. Ten minutes later they'll realize that it'd be healthier if I was face up while doing it.

Later, in the chalet we'll warm ourselves by the fire and I'll have a voluptuous young woman on each side of me running her fingers through my ear hair as it rustles wildly in the wind. You know, I can almost hear it now. It must be time for another haircut.

Old fields have their place

The Brown Dog Jiggs is a knight in shining armour. You can almost hear him clink and clank in the freezing rain of a February day as he slips across the crusted snow that sheathes an old field.

He sheds bits of ice and reflected light as he goes and in a moment he will cross from one kind of wild land to another, passing over a tax assessor's invisible line.

It is a paradox, an unintended consequence, of the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Plan (MFTIP) that the taxman discriminates against the one kind of real estate we are most in danger of losing in Haliburton County.

On the one hand, owners of the forests that cover most of our private land can, if they wish, get a huge break in their property taxes.

On the other hand, there are no breaks at all for owners for the bits of old farmland that still haven't filled back up with trees.

This is the place in the column where I declare my conflict of interest. The 50 acres I own on either side of Sapsucker Ridge is all in hardwood bush and assessed and taxed under MFTIP guidelines.

The old fields The Brown Dog Jiggs runs over occupy the high ground across the road from where we live; it is none of

my business whether the owners of the bush surrounding the fields could sign up for MFTIP, but they could if they wanted to.

MFTIP is one of those simple government programs that has become a hopeless tangle of good intentions and bureaucratic mendacity. It makes the tax paid on an acre of managed woodland a small fraction of the tax on an acre of open field.

This was supposed to help save the woodlots that dot the agricultural parts of Ontario to the south and west of us and keep forest owners in our part of the province from being taxed out of business.

It is, on the whole, a good thing, although the bureaucrats and politicians who think of any acres not in subdivisions

as wasted tax opportunities have been nibbling away at MFTIP.

However, MFTIP's good intentions are flawed by two false assumptions -- that the job of managing woodlands can't be left to Old Father Nature and that it takes trees to give wild lands ecological value.

Letting Old Father Nature have his way

just hasn't been an option under MFTIP, though the old boy did a fine job on his own before we came along. The taxman says you must manage your woodlot, whether it needs it or not.

You must have a plan, which just heaps needless paperwork on those forest owners who only want to sit and watch their trees

grow. Effective local tree-cutting bylaws like one in our county do just about the same job as a management plan.

Woodlots might be the only natural thing left to protect in parts of Ontario where just about everything else is either paved or farmed but in Haliburton the treasure that most needs protecting is open land.

Old fields provide habitat for creatures and plants that can't live in the forest.

Start with the milkweed, a lover of waste places and the main food source for the caterpillar stage of the Monarch butterfly.

Ron Reid of the Couchiching Conservancy in Orillia works with the open fields of the Carden Plain, just to the south of us. He lists the red fox and snowshoe hare, the woodcock, indigo bunting

and chestnut-sided and golden-winged warblers, and such butterflies as the tiger swallowtail and great spangled fritillary as open-field specialists in our area.

Old fields also give forests the edges that other species favour. Shrink the open spaces and you shrink the deer population as well.

Those of us whose principal entertainment is walking the wild places know that open country also is the best place to see creatures who live most of their lives in the deep woods. A bear can fade away before we know he's spotted us in the bush, but if we catch him crossing an open field, there is nowhere for him to hide.

The open fields will grow back and fill in over time, but the effect of MFTIP is to speed up the process, diminishing something already in short supply in Haliburton. Plant an open field with red pine and watch your taxes go down.

MFTIP is in the midst of a revision that is supposed to be finished by the end of next month. The new rules probably will permit inclusion of small open spaces in managed forests, but that won't be any help to owners of old fields like the ones walked by The Brown Dog Jiggs and me.

Perhaps we need a MSPTIP -- a Managed Stone Pile Tax Incentive Plan.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

We have rights, but they must be balanced with responsibilities

To the Editor:

Some comments or questions're the many recent letters in the paper: Why has the accepted spelling for the Christian sacred book been changed from Bible to bible?

The simplest children's story book has a title, i.e. "The Lost Puppy." Whatever else the Bible is, it is a book (more accurately, a library.) Muslims revere the Koran, and show it by their spelling. Why do Christians do less?

The Bible has often been used as a

resource in an argument. Sometimes it has been used to strengthen both sides in the same heated discussions. That is not using the Bible wisely.

The Bible will do no good to anyone who neither listens, reads, nor studies it. Regular private reading, having asked for God's help to understand it, is excellent. Even better is group study and discussion.

Do I have any rights at all because I am a human being? The list in the developed

world is endless, such things as clean air, good food and water, a loving family etc. etc. In the Third World (or whatever term you wish to use) the only right most children are likely to have met is for a loving family.

Whatever the legalities are, I do not believe that an endless concern for my human rights is helpful. About the time that I learned to walk, I found out that I had responsibilities. More appeared as I grew. If each of us takes our responsibilities seri-

ously (and not too narrowly) the world would be a better place. We might even become aware of the needs of those we previously ignored. They are not all overseas.

Finally, who has investigated all societies and cultural groups and affirmed that homosexuality is present in all of them? There is a difference between saying homosexuality is found in many cultures and homosexuality is found in all cultures.

Marion Sedgwick,
Gelert

MORE LETTERS

Youths can reduce job risks

To the Editor:

This letter is for the adolescent working over the summer or part timers.

There are many risks you must be aware of while at work but if you take the proper precautions you can stay safe. For instance when working in a kitchen the first thing to do is to make sure the floor is dry. If it's wet then mop it up. You would not want to slip and fall; you could get very badly injured or hit your head and die. Also do not wear loose clothing. It could get caught on something or tangled to the point of suffocation. Another big thing to look at is your work area. Look around the room making sure there are no obstructions that might fall on a

person or get knocked over and broken.

All jobs have risks, but the worst of all risks are things you would not even notice, like wet floors, or obstructions. An average of 42 young Ontario workers are injured, made ill, or killed on the job every day. It's almost two young workers injured every hour of every day and every night, seven days a week, often because of what we didn't see or know. If you take the time to be safe and secure, you and all the people you work with will be a lot safer.

Sincerely,
Experienced Young Worker,
Casper Hollohan
Minden

Dan Garbutt saves the day for an Oshawa family

Editor's note: We printed this letter in last week's Times but incorrectly identified Mr. Garbutt in the headline, for which we apologize.

To the Editor:

My name is Kelly Bergshoeff and on January 19 my husband, daughters and I were at our cottage in Carnarvon. Although the weather was just too cold (-32°) to snowmobile with the kids, we decided to drive over to my sister's at Lake Kashagawigamog for dinner and socializing. As we were leaving my sister's place I tossed our maroon bag into the back of our truck.

When we got back to the cottage I went to retrieve the bag. It was gone. Realizing that it probably slid back out, my husband and I retraced our steps (a half-hour drive) back to see if we could locate it on the road.

The bag contained my wallet with all of our birth certificates, money, identity cards, slippers and clothes; it also contained my daughter's meter to test her blood as she is diabetic.

Although we traveled up and down the road, we did not locate the bag and

assumed that it was lost.

So, without checking my daughter's blood, we put her to bed and planned on leaving early in the morning so we could get back to Oshawa and test it with another meter we keep at home.

Well, wouldn't you know it? At 5:30 a.m. an OPP officer showed up at our cottage door and asked us if we had lost a bag on the road.

We could not believe it. Apparently Dan Garbutt from Highland Towing just happened to be driving on Highway 35 and noticed the bag sitting at the side of the road. Dan got out of his vehicle (at -35) picked up the bag, drove to the closest OPP officer he could find, and handed the bag over.

The bag was returned to me with all of its contents, something we would not see at home.

I want to extend my sincerest gratitude to Dan Garbutt and thank him for going the extra mile to ensure that the bag was returned to the rightful owner. Dan is a true example of a Minden Gentleman.

All the best Dan, take care.

Kelly Bergshoeff
Oshawa

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People had a 'snow'ball at Dorset's carnival

Photos by DARREN LUM

The 15th annual Dorset Snow Ball drew hundreds to the two-day event providing a diverse array of activities and attractions for participants of all ages. Just to name a few outdoor activities such as broomball, ice hockey, tobogganing, and dogsledding were a delight in the falling snow while the event's food vendors kept people warm and full. Locals, cottagers and visitors from the cities attended the event.



Tim Fox and his four-year-old daughter Megan, partially obscured, take a run down the toboggan run set aside for the annual Snowball event. The Toronto cottagers were up for the weekend.



Children look, waiting for candy to be thrown their way during the Dorset Snowball parade.



Bandolini -- a one man band -- had the crowd singing his tune in the main carnival area on Saturday.

Attendance tops 1,600 as Dorset turns up the heat on winter

by MELISSA ALFANO
Dorset correspondent

Last weekend's Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival was a huge success! More than 1,600 Snowball buttons were sold and by all accounts a wonderful time was had by all. There were lots of great events for the entire family such as Re/max Balloon rides, dog sled rides, mini snowmobile rides, skating, broomball, snowshoe races, a parade, non stop entertainment and much more. The Junkyard Symphony, a group from Ottawa playing garbage cans, among other things, got the audience involved and their performance garnered rave reviews.

Also in the entertainment line up was the one man band, Bandolini, hailing from Kitchener. Bandolini also received rave reviews.

Wildlife callers Stephen Morrin and Davy Meloy entertained the crowd with their unique show featuring a full repertoire of wildlife calls from geese to woodpeckers with a few surprises thrown in.

The Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast was a culinary treat as were the "burgs and dogs" sold outside later in the day. The gourmet highlight of the carnival had to be Dorset's own original Moosetongues, created by Snowball Chair Jim Jones. A treat not to be missed. The Dorset Lifeline's Chili Supper was so good it sold out in record time. The Knox United Bake Sale provided lots of homemade goodies too.

The Muskoka Knights from Bracebridge stole the trophy from the Dorset Fire Department team at the Snowball Adult Broomball Tournament. The games were exciting and it was a tightknit situation with no runaways. The Knights took first with the Dorset Hounds coming in second and the fire department third. Congratulations, Knights.

Snowshoe races got off to a slow start but ended in a slew of thrilling races. In the adult division 1st place was taken by Brian Rose, 2nd by Brandon



Participants of every age were cheering for their picks in the minnow race.

Snowshoe races proved exciting for all



Hundreds attended the event and got into the mood with some tobogganing on Saturday.

Winners announced

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Berry and 3rd by Miles Nevin. In the 12 to 18 division, 1st was taken by Rebecca Stephens, 2nd by Mariah Kelly and 3rd by Courtney Nevins. In the 8 to 11 division Ryan Kiely took 1st, Libby Timbers took 2nd and Gillian Geneja took 3rd. Congratulations.

Winner of Best Float in the Snowball Parade was the combined float by Century 21 and Portico Timber Frame. Congratulations!

There were two winners of the Dorset Lions Club Snow Sculpture Contest and they were Kevin Webb and Ross Rabjohn.

Watch www.dorsetsnowball.com for 2005 photos soon to be posted to the site.

Free computer lessons are being offered at the Dorset Community Access Program site located in the Dorset Recreation Centre. For more information, call Carol at 766-9968. Don't miss out! This program ends March 30th.

Dorset Playgroup meets at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Friday mornings. It's a good chance to get out and socialize for both children and caregivers. Drop in on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Centre. Call Elise at 705-766-1382 for more information.

Call Ebba Russell at 705-766-2264 to book an appointment or find out more

about the Foot Clinic being held at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, February 23.

Calling all seniors ages 50 and older. The Dorset Lions wish to invite you to their annual complimentary seniors dinner. Where? At Lions Camp Dorset. When? On Wednesday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. by calling Esther at 705-766-2830.

There will be a combined parish service at St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church on Sunday, February 27 at 10:30 a.m.

The revival of the game of chess in recent years is noticeable in local schools where, in some locations, more than 100 students gather to compete for the fun of it, and with hopes of participating in tournaments held with surrounding schools. The Haliburton County Public Library's book collection includes a variety of chess books for individuals wishing to learn new moves or to understand the game. Although scholars can't agree whether chess was invented in China in the second century BC, or in India during the sixth century AD, we can all agree that it is alive and well in Haliburton right now! Visit your branch this week. Learning is cool @ your library.

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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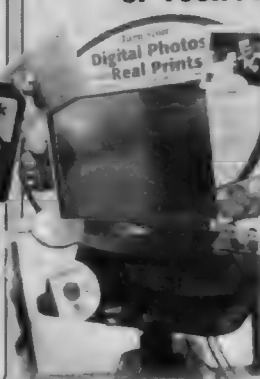
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Curling powerhouse

Young high school team vows they'll be the best in Ontario

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times Staff

At an average age of only 15, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School curling team is looking like it may very well dominate tournaments for years to come.

The youngsters just came back from the Gore Mutual Provincial Championships in Sutton where they were the youngest of the final eight teams competing for top prize.

"It was an experience being there. I was just happy to be at the provincials," says Jake Walker, the team's skip.

The provincials were divided into two pools, with the top two teams from each pool advancing to the final four. HHSS curlers were on the cusp of reaching the semi-finals but lost a heartbreaking tiebreaker to Ancaster.

"I wasn't disappointed with the outcome as much as I was disappointed with how we played. We were missing key shots," says Walker. "I think at the provincials all the teams were equal. It's all based on having a bad day and we unfortunately had a bad day."

To get to the provincial championship, the team claimed the zone championship back in December and the regional championship in January — where they won all their games, even beating out the eventual

provincial champions, Sir Oliver Mowat Collegiate Institute.

While the team's accomplishments may not get the accolades the football team gets — "No one in school really knows anything about curling. No one is really against it but no one is a huge fan. They'd rather watch football or hockey," says vice Edward Cyr, who was declared a first team all-star at the provincials — it doesn't seem to impede the boys' dedication to the game. In the summer, they all polish their skills by attending a summer curling camp where they receive training from professionals.

"Curling is a lot harder than it looks," says 14-year-old Connor Duhaime, the team's second.

During the school year, the boys are on the ice every Tuesday practising with coach Tom Dibblee, who plays an instrumental role in mentally preparing the team for its games.

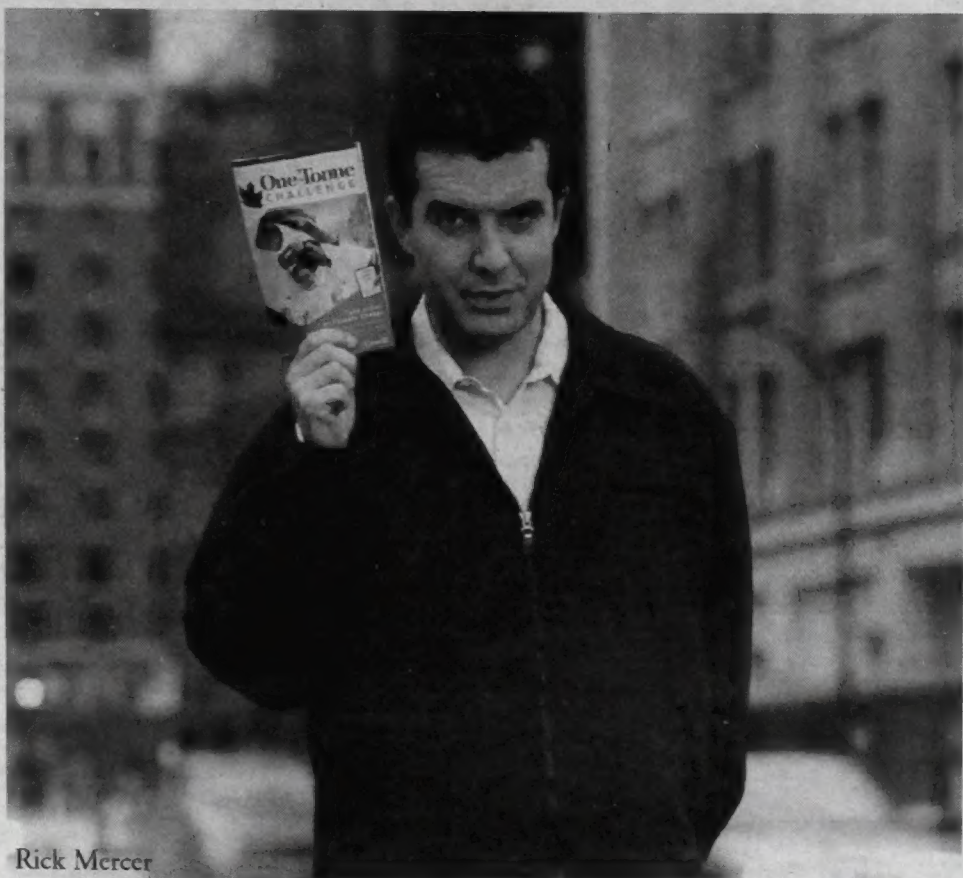
"He plays a great motivational role," says Cyr. "Whenever we're down he will make sure we're happy and feeling good and remind us that we're there to have fun."

"They are keen," says coach Dibblee. "They're passionate about curling."

The boys have now set their sights on the OFSA (Ontario Federation of School Athletics) curling championship in Bancroft in early April.



A young team with a bright future, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School curling team was among the best eight teams in Ontario at the Gore Mutual Championships. Clockwise from top left are Jake Walker, skip; coach Tom Dibblee; Jeff Sobil, lead; Edward Cyr, vice; and Connor Duhaime, second.



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Bantams ready to avenge overtime loss against Huntsville

by CANDACE LOWES
Special to The Times

The Rodco Enterprises Bantam As started their MPS loop playoffs on Friday night against the Huntsville Blues. These two evenly matched teams had met a number of times over the course of the season so they knew each other well.

The Storm fell behind early when Huntsville took advantage of an odd-man break, but the Storm responded quickly when Jesse Tallman spotted Kelsey Pierson breaking into open ice and hit him with a pass. Pierson made no mistake, going top shelf with a perfect shot to tie the game at 1. Tallman himself got the go-ahead goal moments later and the Storm never looked back.

Solid goaltending by Paddy Manuge frustrated the Blues time and again and the Storm padded their lead when Steve Miscio scored with the assist to Chase Thurston and then Derek Carpenter scored a beauty with the assist to Matt Eno. Final score Storm 4 Huntsville 3.

Game 2 of the series was on Sunday in Baysville and

it was a real battle. The play went back and forth and with only three minutes left in the first Robert Lowes spotted a wide-open Steve Miscio, fed him the pass and Miscio with those smooth hands beat the Blues goalie like a rented mule.

The score stayed that way into the third, mostly because the Storm's goalie Jordan Collins was on his game, especially during a two-man shorthanded period of two minutes when he turned away shot after shot. But the Blues didn't quit.

The Storm scored early in the third when Matt Eno buried a shot, with the assist going to Colin Callahan, and then Huntsville capitalized on two opportunities to tie the game.

Overtime faced the Storm for the first time this year and for a moment it appeared they would come away winners, Jesse Tallman had a tremendous opportunity to win it but the Blues' goalie tipped the puck just wide and on the ensuing 2-on-1 in the Storm zone Huntsville scored to win 3-2.

Game 3 goes this Friday night at 9 in Wilberforce.

Colliver brothers part of the tradition at Minden Men's Open Bonspiel

The Minden curling club was proud to host 24 teams this past weekend at the 21st annual Men's Open Bonspiel.

Former local Steve Colliver attended his 21st bonspiel with his brother Brent, who has missed this event only once. Of the 96 curlers, 23 have been to more than 10 spiels; 31 were attending for the first time. The renewal of friendships developed over the years is the highlight for many participants.

This season a local team entered by Minden's Bob Walli, including fellow police officer Sean Hawley and Haliburton curlers Jeff and Rob Ainsley, won top honours. Rob, a 19-year-old Haliburton resident, skipped the rink and defeated the 2003 champion in a last rock victory to claim the Prentice Power Sports trophy.

Winning the second event sponsored by Minden Subaru was another former champion, Bob Clark, and his rink of Brian Blaxall, Lance Crawford and Todd Wilson of Elmira.

Winning the Sid Stamp trophy for the third event was the team of Rob Bell, Paul Dunhill, Butch Wetham and Wayne Walters of the Thornhill country club.

The Dollos IGA trophy was claimed by Little Bob Lake curlers Cam McKay, Brian Boyle, George Czindal and Rob Austin.

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High Single HC: Ken Thompson 737; Jean Pugh 351
High Triple: Ken Thompson 737; Jean Pugh 636
High Triple HC: Chris Hill 772; Jean Pugh 771

Tuesday Night February 8

High Average: Ken Thompson 213; Marlene Robinson 196
High Single: Bruce Cummings 244; Marlene Robinson 278
High Single HC: Romane Versi 283; Marlene Robinson 301
High Triple: Bruce Cummings 651; Marlene Robinson 608
High Triple HC: Romane Versi 727; Clara Miscio 732

Wednesday Afternoon February 9

High Average: Ken Thompson 206; Carol Snow 175
High Single: John Whitty Sr. 285; Jacquie Chamberlain 273
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High Triple: Robert McIvor 649; Tina Hadley 565
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Tuesday Night February 15

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High Single: Ken Thompson 338; Carol Hussul 250
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High Triple HC: Ken Thompson 814; Clara Miscio 759

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High Triple HC: Bev Hunt 753; Betty Ablett 742

Thursday Afternoon February 17

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High Single HC: Gord Maclean 332; Eleanor Bunker 281
High Triple: Gord Maclean 639; Pearl Foster 533
High Triple HC: Gord Maclean 771; Eleanor Bunker 705



A Highland Storm Atom AE forward fans on his shot during the second period during 2nd round playoff action. The Storm lost to the visiting Wasaga Beach Stars 4 - 1. Team assistant Jacob Harrison scored the lone goal in the third period. The AEs lost the series 3-0.

Storm looms but Thunder prevails

Atoms show pure grit and determination in 5-4 heartbreaker

by Nanci Hunter
Special to The Times

The Rowden Construction/M.W. Hunter Lumber Atom As made it to the quarter finals but it wasn't until hours before the first game on Saturday February 19 that they knew who they would be competing against - Oro. What a history the Storm has with this other hockey centre. Many of the team have had experiences with them whether it was winning a championship against them or losing it to them. They knew it was going to be tough. The Storm knew it had its work cut out for it.

The first game in Haliburton was fought hard by both teams with the Storm managing to maintain control for most of the first period. But with minutes left Oro sped past the Storm scoring two goals. It was early in the next period when they scored again.

The Storm didn't give up hope at all; they just tried harder. Nick Hunter managed to fool the goalie with a backhanded shot into the top corner. Many shots followed by Jordan Howe, Tanner Ballantyne, and Stephan Schollig but the goalie was in her game and wouldn't let any of them get by. There were many scuffles around the net and the Storm managed to close the gap with DJ Howorko scoring on a pass from Ryan Hunter.

After the dressing room pep talk, the Storm was out to play catch up and kept Oro scrambling. Rob Lewis had on his game face, pouncing back and forth to stop the puck. Zach Boice, Cole Rowden, Jon Salvatori and John Rae had to work hard to keep Oro away from the net. With minutes left to play and the tension intensifying, Oro managed to sneak by the Storm and score once more.

Oro won 4-2 and, although disappointed, the Storm was eager to tie up the series now that they had studied the Oro plays.

The next day, February 20, the series moved to Oro and the boys knew they could win, they just had to work harder than ever. They approached the game with

true grit and determination.

Oro may have scored first but the Storm wouldn't let them keep the lead for long as Brett made a beautiful pass to DJ who tied it up. Unfortunately, it didn't last long as Oro took a one-goal lead at the end of the first.

Early in the second, Jordan made a spectacular rush at the goalie. He fired a hard wrist shot that she couldn't see coming. The Storm had tied it up again, but again it was short-lived. The plays were back and forth, the defence had to watch all around them and the team's fastest skaters had their work cut out for them.

Marc Dobie made his usual splendid glove saves and spent much time on the ice stopping the low shots. Mike Mazara and Dillon Upton played a great game making some great passes and plenty of back checking. The fans were up and down like an elevator and the arena sounded like it had built-in surround sound as the cheers, oohs and aahs went back and forth.

Minutes left in the second saw Ryan handing the puck to Brett who snuck it past the pads to tie it up yet again. Wouldn't you know it, the Oro team came out in the third and took that familiar one-goal lead only this time, they wanted more and got a two-goal lead halfway through the third. Pure grit and determination showed in our boys as they fought harder and harder to at least tie it up.

The play was getting rougher by the minute and most of the third had one team or another on a power play. With minutes left in the game and the kids not ready to give up, John Rae cleared the puck to Stephan who in turn passed it over to DJ who closed the gap once more. The Storm goalie was pulled and the team kept the puck in Oro's end and despite lots of shots on net couldn't manage to get it past the posts. Oro won a close 5-4 game.

All the team played hard and get a lot of credit for the effort they put in. Play-and-learn is the strategy and the Storm planned to even up the series on Thurs. Feb. 24.

There will be more Highland Storm coverage in Tuesday's Haliburton Echo

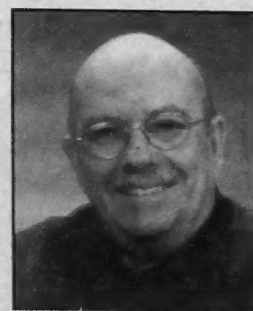
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We will be attending the Cottage Life Show. Hurry! List your cottage now so that we can market your cottage there.



Al Mayo



Bruce Livingston



David Lee

Call Al Mayo
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Service Plus Results Always!



2600 Ft. On River - \$399,000

163 acres with 2600 ft. of riverfront. Half mixed forest, half cleared and fenced, 10 yr. old barn. Bright home built in 1992, full basement, hot tub, sauna & jacuzzi. Two 40x60 foot attached workshops, big enough to store boats, antique cars. Use your imagination. Call Denise.



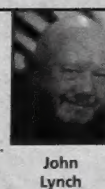
Denise LeBlanc

Great View of Brady Lake!

Excellent level building lot, with hydro & phone available. Water accessible across road, all the advantages of waterfront, but at an affordable price! Year-round access.

Good value at \$24,900.

Call
John Lynch



John Lynch

Looking for
acreage or
building lots -
give me a call.

Mike Murray



Mike Murray



Anthony Vanlieshout

Gooderham Lake - \$169,900

Affordable cottage with 2 bedroom bunkie, balcony, beautiful southern view with cottage sitting at water's edge. 125 feet of waterfront with shore road allowance owned, clean shoreline, large lakeside decks with 6 person hot tub. Private property, well treed. Call Anthony.



Big Brother - \$299,900

Brand new custom built 4 season cottage on 3 lake chain. 3 bedroom full basement, hardwood floors and loads of pine highlight the inside, expansive view and a great shoreline highlight the out. Don't miss out on this beautiful property. Call Chris.



Chris James

Cottage Show
April 1, 2 & 3

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Troy Austen*
Linda Baumgartner*
457-1011

ACREAGE

9.59 acre parcel situated centrally between Haliburton & Minden. Very pretty property, driveway in, hydro & telephone available, cleared bldg site.

A must to see!
\$34,900

LOCHLIN HOME

Great 3 bedroom starter/retirement home, eat-in kitchen, large L.R., 4 pc bath, basement w/rec. rm & storage rm, laundry/utility rm, septic, dr. well, centrally located to Minden & Haliburton.

\$235,000



Rick Lowes*
286-2911

HEAD LAKE - NORLAND

4 season - 3 bedroom cottage on a level private lot. Also has a bunkie, includes 2 boats and a snowmobile. Great swimming, boating.
\$259,000



Ken Barry* &
Deb Deremo*
457-1011

HALIBURTON

Tastefully decorated 3 bdrm home with attached garage, on the edge of town. Open concept kitchen, dining, livingroom, stone fireplace with propane insert. Great landscaped location overlooking Grass Lake with a sunset view. Value priced.

\$149,900



LITTLE REDSTONE LK.

3 plus bdrm home/cottage, located on lge level lot w/mature trees, S-W exp, plenty of decking, child friendly golden sand beach. Oversized dble det. garage w/single carport has room for all the toys. Enjoy miles of boating or snowmobiling. Close proximity to Haliburton Forest & Wildlife.

\$549,900



Karen Nimigon*
457-1011

MOORE LAKE

Waterfront home/cottage. Rippled sand beach, dock at water, 2+2 bedrooms, rec room, games room, 2 fireplaces, many extras.
Call Karen 457-1011 ext. 224 for details.

\$339,900



Geoff Bunn* &
Miranda Newman*
457-1011

BONHAM LAKE

Extremely private 176 acres with over 1600 feet frontage with a beautiful sand beach. The cottage is full of old country charm. Many possibilities. For more information, call Geoff Bunn & Miranda Newman.
\$699,900



Tom* & Gail*
Tempest*
286-2911

WATERFRONT LOT

Kashagawigamog Lake - Panoramic view of one of Haliburton's prime lakes. Almost 2 acres of pristine woods. Driveway in. Building site cleared. Elevated & sloping lot with 117 feet of shoreline. Priced to sell!
\$189,000

PRIVACY PLUS

This home boasts 1400 sq ft of main floor living space w/a full unfinished w/o basement. Situated on 100 acres, no road noise, wildlife galore & beautiful surroundings. Well built raised bungalow, hardwood & ceramic floors. Wrap around 3 sided porch. Call for all the details today.

\$295,000



Fred Chapple*
286-2911

COUNTRY STORE - \$235,000

A well established in turn-key condition, in-store bakery, take out pizza & convenience items as well. Owners willing to assist w/post sale transition. Yr round business, busy hwy, comes w/a 1056 sq ft, 3 BR home above store. Shows Excellent return on investment.



Elizabeth Thompson*
457-1011

LAKE VIEW COUNTRY HOME

Spacious! Spotless! Secluded! 4 bdrm brick & cedar Viceroy-2500 sq ft in area of fine homes. Ideal for entertaining. Watch the sunsets over the lake from sunken fam rm & solarium kit. Formal LR/DR, 1r doors, cath cells, cent air, cent vac. new roof in 2004. Close to Haliburton Village...Call Elizabeth.

\$299,900



Victor Disik*
286-2911

ONE MILE OF BACKYARD

This one of a kind property boasts over 400 acres of land backing onto 2000 acres of Crown land. A three bedroom home with over 1300 sq. ft. of living space on one floor. Granite fireplace for cozy winter nights & air conditioned for sultry summer weather. Ski-doo and ATV trails on the property. Bonus two 2-car garages; one heated for the toys. Only 2 hours to Toronto.
Ask for Victor Disik.

Asking \$449,000



Vince Duchene**
457-1011



70 ACRES PLUS 140' OF W/F ON KUSHLONG LAKE!

Build for seclusion or to overlook the lake.
Fantastic opportunity to have it all and under \$100,000!
Call today for more details!



Ted Vasey*
457-1011

DUCK LAKE ROAD

Country retreat on rolling hardwood lot - This home features an open concept oak kitchen with island, w/o living rm, 3 + 1 bedrooms, some new carpet & floorings, w/o basement, screened porch, detached garage, lake access & golf course close by.

Asking \$145,000



KENNISIS RIVER

Cozy 4 season cottage/home, paneled interior, 3 pc bath, level lot, nicely treed in big pines, miles of boating to Halls Lake.

Asking \$129,000



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2911

DO YOU WANT YOUR PROPERTY FEATURED AT THE COTTAGE SHOWS?

Call Melanie now to list for Cottagefest
March 4th - 6th
& the Cottage Life Show
April 1st - 3rd



Lenor Fulton*
286-2911



Tracy Ackertblade*

MAIN STREET MINDEN

Are you looking to start a business in Minden? This Main St. location has many possibilities. It boasts a 3 bedroom apartment upstairs with a separate entrance. This cute as a button store is zoned C-1. Look no further and call Tracy or Lenor.

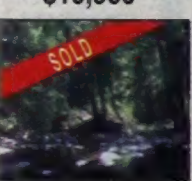
\$173,000



RIVERSIDE LOT

Are you looking to build? Here is the perfect opportunity to own your own beautiful waterfront lot. Listen to the water rushing by. For further information call Tracy Ackertblade or Lenor Fulton.

\$19,900



Julie Gray*
457-1011

REDSTONE LAKE

This unique property set back on quiet bay of famous Redstone, boasts 33.33 acres with 200 frontage on the lake & approx. 800' on the river, year round 24/7 sounds of waterfall! This architecturally designed home has nearly 4000 sq. ft. of living space, incl. an amazing kitchen, 3 full baths, 3 BR, 360 degrees wrap around covered deck +++many extras.

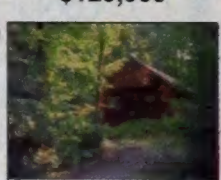
\$895,000



WENONA LAKE

This charming and immaculate, 3 BR, well insulated, chalet has freshly painted int. walls, sanded pine floors, new carpeting & underpad, new appliances, new rear porch & 2 BR with W/O to decks. Cozy up by the airtight in the winter or wander over to the deeded access lot for a swim. 15 min. from town. It's a winner!

\$129,900



Bill Kulas*
286-2911

NEWCASTLE STREET

Value-priced in town bungalow close to all downtown services. Featuring 2 bedrooms with a guest bedroom downstairs. Town water & sewers, forced air oil furnace and large back yard. Freshly painted & available for immediate possession. Call Bill today!

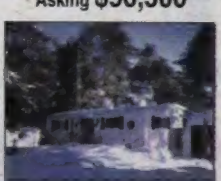
Asking \$92,500



11 THIRD STREET

This immaculately maintained home is located in a popular community known as Hunter Creek Estates, just south of Minden. Tastefully decorated & in move in condition. Open concept design. Detached garage, main floor family room, level, landscaped lot. A must see. Asking \$96,500. Check it out at www.billkulas.com.

Asking \$96,500



Linda Beachli***
457-1011

PINE STREET

2700 sq. ft., 4 bdrm., architecturally designed, timber sided country home. Open concept with great room, dining room & kitchen flowing around the large stone 2 storey fireplace. Cedar deck balcony off upstairs bdrm.

\$469,000



HWY #118

This property is situated on 6.7 acres on Hwy. 118. The 9894 sq. ft. building consists of 6213 sq. ft. for parts & service, a 2116 sq. ft. mezzanine, a 3 bdrm apt. and a large parking lot.

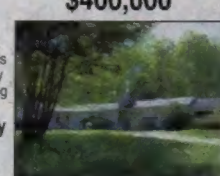
\$579,000



COUNTY ROAD 1

High profile location opposite hospital and new medical clinic. This expansive 1400 sq. ft. home & double car garage is situated on 7 acres of property that has a special mixed zoning use.

\$400,000



COMMERCIAL

Prime 3.5 acres on a high traffic corner lot. Large bright 1500 sq. ft. bungalow with a huge 8000 sq. ft. storage barn & a separate 28'x40' garage. Zoned CH.

\$359,000



Peter Brady**
457-1011